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SUMMARY

Subroutines written in FORTRAN IV are presented for calculating Clebsch-Gordan coefficients, Racah coefficients, 9-j coefficients, reduced rotation matrix elements, and other related quantities. Considerable attention is paid to matters of speed and accuracy, and the coding is designed to resemble the corresponding mathematical equations as closely as possible.

INTRODUCTION

The investigation of quantum mechanical systems of two or more particles generally involves the coupling of the individual angular momenta to some total angular momentum. The study of this process leads quite naturally to the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients, which describe the coupling of a pair of particles, and to the Racah and other coefficients, which describe the transformation from one coupling scheme to another.

Extensive tabulations of such quantities have been available for many years, and these are very useful for calculations which one might undertake with the aid of a desk calculator. With the advent of high-speed electronic computers, however, the use of extensive tabulations becomes more of a hindrance than a help, and one is faced with the need to generate the relevant coefficients as and when they are required. This is particularly true of the reduced matrix elements of the rotation operator, which occur in many applications, because they depend on a continuous variable.

A general-purpose routine designed to furnish some quantity in widespread use, say for example, a Clebsch-Gordan coefficient, ought to satisfy certain requirements. It should be accurate, of course, and fast; in addition it must be easy to use and designed in such a way that the user can modify it readily to suit a particular application.

A common problem arising in the evaluation of the Clebsch-Gordan and Racah coefficients and rotation matrix elements is the appearance of large factorials in the numerators and denominators of the terms in the series. Direct use of the factorials may lead to roundoff or overflow, while attempts to avoid the problem by introducing binomial coefficients are clumsy and time-consuming. The method used here involves logarithms of the various factorials, which are precalculated and stored in an array; the exponentiation is not performed until cancellation occurs via subtraction of the logarithms.

In the following sections we present techniques for computing the Clebsch-Gordan coefficient, the Racah coefficient, the reduced rotation matrix element, and the 9-j coefficient. FORTRAN IV subroutines which employ these techniques are given in the appendices. The subroutine for evaluating the 9-j coefficient also contains an entry for computing the reduced matrix element of the spin-angle tensor product.

Within each subroutine the coding has been designed to resemble the actual equations, so that a potential user can easily make modifications if desired. In order to maintain this close correspondence and at the same time produce efficient coding, the basic equations have been rearranged slightly from the forms given by Brink and Satchler (ref. 1). The reader should also note that the same symbol may be used to represent different quantities in different sections, and so the definition given in one section applies to that section only.

CLEBSCH-GORDAN COEFFICIENTS

The expression given by Brink and Satchler (ref. 1, p. 34) for the Clebsch-Gordan coefficient may be written

$$\langle j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2 | JM \rangle = CG$$

where

$$C = \Delta(j_1 j_2 J) \left[(j_1 - m_1)! (j_2 + m_2)! (j_1 + m_1)! (j_2 - m_2)! (J + M)! (J - M)! \right]^{1/2}$$

and

$$G = \sqrt{2J + 1} \sum_n (-1)^n \left[(j_1 + j_2 - J - n)! (j_1 - m_1 - n)! (j_2 + m_2 - n)! (J - j_2 + m_1 + n)! \right. \\ \left. \times (J - j_1 - m_1 + n)! n! \right]^{-1}$$

Here the symbol Δ , which will appear in the next section as well, stands for a function defined by

$$\Delta(abc) \equiv [(a + b - c)!(b + c - a)!(c + a - b)!]^{1/2} \div [(a + b + c + 1)!]^{1/2}$$

The appearance of factorials in the numerators and denominators of the above expressions makes it undesirable to evaluate them as written. Our philosophy here and in the remaining sections will be to avoid the direct use of factorials by means of logarithms, and to arrange matters so that the first term in the series has the value unity. Thus, to evaluate C , we make use of the fact that

$$n! = \Gamma(n + 1) = \exp \{ \log \Gamma(n + 1) \}$$

to write

$$C = \exp \left(\frac{1}{2} P \right) \quad P = \sum_{i=1}^9 X(N_i) - X(N_{10})$$

where $X(N) \equiv \log \Gamma(N)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= 1 + (j_1 + j_2 - J) & N_6 &= 1 + (j_1 + m_1) \\ N_2 &= 1 + (j_2 + J - j_1) & N_7 &= 1 + (j_2 - m_2) \\ N_3 &= 1 + (J + j_1 - j_2) & N_8 &= 1 + (J + M) \\ N_4 &= 1 + (j_1 - m_1) & N_9 &= 1 + (J - M) \\ N_5 &= 1 + (j_2 + m_2) & N_{10} &= 1 + (j_1 + j_2 + J + 1) \\ & & &= N_1 + N_2 + N_3 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

The N_i are always integers, and so C vanishes if any N_i is smaller than unity; this condition is equivalent to all the usual triangle inequalities and also the z-component inequalities for the Clebsch-Gordan coefficient. Because $X(N)$ is needed only for integer values of N , it can be conveniently precalculated and stored as an array labeled X .

To evaluate G , we write

$$G = \sum_n G(n) = G(n_1) \sum_{n=n_1}^{n_2} H(n)$$

where $H(n_1) = 1$,

$$H(n) = H(n - 1) \frac{G(n)}{G(n - 1)}$$

and n_1 (n_2) is the minimum (maximum) value attained by n . The recursion relation for $H(n)$ reduces to

$$H(n) = H(n - 1) \frac{(n - K_1)(n - K_2)(n - K_3)}{(n - K_4)(n - K_5)n}$$

where

$$K_1 = N_1 \quad K_4 = N_4 - N_3$$

$$K_2 = N_4 \quad K_5 = N_5 - N_2$$

$$K_3 = N_5$$

It is easy to verify that n_2 is the smallest of (K_1, K_2, K_3) less one, and n_1 the largest of $(0, K_4, K_5)$.

The first term $G(n_1)$, which has been factored out of the series, can be evaluated using the same technique as for C :

$$G(n_1) = \sqrt{2J + 1} (-1)^{n_1} \exp(-Q) \quad Q = \sum_{i=1}^6 X(K'_i)$$

where

$$K_1 = K_1 - n_1 \quad K'_4 = n_1 + 1 - K_4$$

$$K'_2 = K_2 - n_1 \quad K'_5 = n_1 + 1 - K_5$$

$$K'_3 = K_3 - n_1 \quad K'_6 = n_1 + 1$$

The FORTRAN IV subroutine CG which evaluates the Clebsch-Gordan coefficient by means of these equations is presented in appendix A. The coding has been arranged so as to closely resemble the actual equations. The subroutine is written as a function

subprogram, so that a typical call might be

$$\text{SUM} = \text{SUM} + \text{ALPHA} * \text{CG}(\text{J1}, \text{M1}, \text{J2}, \text{M2}, \text{J}, \text{M})$$

The arguments J1, . . . , M in the calling vector are to be supplied as floating point variables, so that either integer or half-integer values may be easily handled.

Provision has also been made for evaluation of the Wigner 3-j coefficient, which is related to the Clebsch-Gordan coefficient by

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & J \\ m_1 & m_2 & M \end{pmatrix} = \frac{(-1)^{j_1-j_2-M}}{\sqrt{2J+1}} \langle j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2 | J - M \rangle$$

A typical call for this function might be

$$\text{SUM} = \text{SUM} + \text{ALPHA} * \text{THREEJ}(\text{J1}, \text{J2}, \text{J}, \text{M1}, \text{M2}, \text{M})$$

RACAH COEFFICIENTS

The expression given by Brink and Satchler (ref. 1, p. 43) for the Racah coefficient may be written

$$W(abcd; ef) = \text{CG}$$

where

$$C = \Delta(abe)\Delta(acf)\Delta(bdf)\Delta(cde)$$

and

$$G = \sum_n (-1)^n (a+b+c+d+1-n)! \left[(a+b-e-n)!(a+c-f-n)!(b+d-f-n)! \right. \\ \left. \times (c+d-e-n)!(e+f-a-d+n)!(e+f-b-c+n)!n! \right]^{-1}$$

As in the preceding section, C can be evaluated more conveniently and accurately in the form

$$C = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} P\right) \quad P = \sum_{i=1}^4 [X(J_i) + X(K_i) + X(L_i) - X(M_i)]$$

where $X(N) = \log \Gamma(N)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= 1 + (a + b - e) & J_2 &= 1 + (a + c - f) \\ K_1 &= 1 + (b + e - a) & K_2 &= 1 + (c + f - a) \\ L_1 &= 1 + (e + a - b) & L_2 &= 1 + (f + a - c) \\ M_1 &= J_1 + K_1 + L_1 - 1 & M_2 &= J_2 + K_2 + L_2 - 1 \\ \\ J_3 &= 1 + (b + d - f) & J_4 &= 1 + (c + d - e) \\ K_3 &= 1 + (d + f - b) & K_4 &= 1 + (d + e - c) \\ L_3 &= 1 + (f + b - d) & L_4 &= 1 + (e + c - d) \\ M_3 &= J_3 + K_3 + L_3 - 1 & M_4 &= J_4 + K_4 + L_4 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

All of the quantities J_i , K_i , L_i , and M_i are integers, and the usual triangle inequalities on the arguments of the Racah coefficient are equivalent to requiring that all these integers (except for M_i) be greater than zero.

To evaluate G we proceed as for the Clebsch-Gordan coefficient, writing

$$G = \sum_n G(n) = G(n_1) \sum_{n=n_1}^{n_2} H(n)$$

with $H(n_1) = 1$ as before. In this case the recursion relation for $H(n)$ reduces to

$$H(n) = H(n-1) \frac{(n - J_1)(n - J_2)(n - J_3)(n - J_4)}{(n - J_5)(n - J_6)(n - J_7)n}$$

where

$$J_5 = J_1 - L_2$$

$$J_6 = J_1 - L_3$$

$$J_7 = J_1 + M_4 - 1$$

The first term $G(n_1)$ can be written

$$G(n_1) = (-1)^{n_1} \exp(-Q) \quad Q = \sum_{i=1}^7 X(J'_i) - X(J'_8)$$

where

$$J'_1 = J_1 - n_1 \quad J'_5 = n_1 + 1 - J_5$$

$$J'_2 = J_2 - n_1 \quad J'_6 = n_1 + 1 - J_6$$

$$J'_3 = J_3 - n_1 \quad J'_7 = n_1 + 1$$

$$J'_4 = J_4 - n_1 \quad J'_8 = J_7 - n_1$$

The FORTRAN IV subroutine RACAH which evaluates the Racah coefficient by means of these equations is presented in appendix B. The coding has been arranged so as to closely resemble the actual equations. The subroutine is written as a function subprogram, so that a typical call might be

$$\text{SUM} = \text{SUM} + \text{ALPHA} * \text{RACAH}(\text{A}, \text{B}, \text{C}, \text{D}, \text{E}, \text{F})$$

The arguments A, . . . , F in the calling vector are to be supplied as floating point variables, so that either integer or half-integer values may be easily handled.

Provision has also been made for evaluation of the normalized Racah coefficient, or U-coefficient, which is related to the Racah coefficient by

$$U(abcd; ef) = \sqrt{(2e+1)(2f+1)} W(abcd; ef)$$

The U-coefficient has the convenient property that $U = 1$ whenever a, b, c, or d is zero, provided the triangular inequalities are satisfied. A typical call for this function

might be

$$\text{SUM} = \text{SUM} + \text{ALPHA} * \text{UCOEF}(\text{A}, \text{B}, \text{C}, \text{D}, \text{E}, \text{F})$$

There is also an entry for evaluation of the Wigner 6-j coefficient, which is sometimes used in preference to the Racah coefficient. It is related to the Racah coefficient by

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} abc \\ def \end{matrix} \right\} = (-1)^{a+b+d+e} W(abed; cf)$$

A typical call for this function might be

$$\text{SUM} = \text{SUM} + \text{ALPHA} * \text{SIXJ}(\text{A}, \text{B}, \text{C}, \text{D}, \text{E}, \text{F})$$

REDUCED ROTATION MATRIX ELEMENTS

The expression given by Brink and Satchler (ref. 1, p. 22) for the elements of the reduced rotation matrix may be written

$$d_{m_1 m_2}^j(\theta) = CG$$

where

$$C = [(j + m_1)! (j - m_2)! (j - m_1)! (j + m_2)!]^{1/2}$$

and

$$G = \left(\cos \frac{1}{2} \theta \right)^{2j} \sum_n (-1)^n \left(\tan \frac{1}{2} \theta \right)^{2n+m_2-m_1} [(j + m_1 - n)! (j - m_2 - n)! \\ \times (m_2 - m_1 + n)! n!]^{-1}$$

As in the preceding sections, C can be evaluated more conveniently and accurately in the form

$$C = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} P\right) \quad P = \sum_{i=1}^4 X(N_i)$$

where $X(N) = \log \Gamma(N)$ and

$$N_1 = 1 + (j + m_1) \quad N_3 = 1 + (j - m_1)$$

$$N_2 = 1 + (j - m_2) \quad N_4 = 1 + (j + m_2)$$

As before, C vanishes if any of the integers N_i is less than unity.

Before evaluating G we must discuss its dependence on the rotation angle θ . Although G is periodic in θ with a period of 4π for half-integral j and a period of 2π for integral j , in most applications the range of θ is limited to $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$. We will take this to be the standard case, and discuss the exceptions later.

Because the expression for G is a power series in $\tan \frac{1}{2} \theta$, it is desirable to arrange matters so that $\theta \leq \frac{1}{2} \pi$. When θ is larger than $\frac{1}{2} \pi$, this can be accomplished by means of the relation

$$d_{m_1 m_2}^j(\theta) = (-1)^{j-m_1} d_{m_1 - m_2}(\pi - \theta)$$

We then write

$$G = G(n_1) \sum_{n=n_1}^{n_2} H(n)$$

with $H(n_1) = 1$ as before. In this case the recursion relation for $H(n)$ reduces to

$$H(n) = -H(n-1) \left(\tan \frac{1}{2} \theta \right)^2 \frac{(n - K_1)(n - K_2)}{(n - K_3)n}$$

where $K_1 = N_1$, $K_2 = N_2$, and $K_3 = N_1 - N_4$.

The first term $G(n_1)$ can be written

$$G(n_1) = \left(\cos \frac{1}{2} \theta \right)^{2j} \left(\tan \frac{1}{2} \theta \right)^N (-1)^{n_1} \exp(-Q)$$

$$Q = \sum_{i=1}^4 X(N'_i)$$

where $N = 2n_1 - (m_1 - m_2)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} N_1' &= K_1 - n_1 & N_3' &= n_1 + 1 - K_3 \\ N_2' &= K_2 - n_1 & N_4' &= n_1 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, let us consider the nonstandard case, where θ is negative or larger than π . For negative angles we may use the relation

$$d_{m_1 m_2}^j(\theta) = (-1)^{m_1 - m_2} d_{m_1 m_2}^j(-\theta)$$

For positive angles we may immediately reduce θ to its value modulo 4π . If θ is then larger than 2π , we may use

$$d_{m_1 m_2}^j(\theta) = (-1)^{2j} d_{m_1 m_2}^j(\theta - 2\pi)$$

and if θ is then larger than π , we may use

$$d_{m_1 m_2}^j(\theta) = (-1)^{2j + m_1 - m_2} d_{m_1 m_2}^j(2\pi - \theta)$$

The FORTRAN IV subroutine DJMM which evaluates the reduced rotation matrix element by means of these equations is presented in appendix C. The coding has been arranged so as to closely resemble the actual equations. The subroutine is written as a function subprogram, so that a typical call might be

$$\text{SUM} = \text{SUM} + \text{ALPHA} * \text{DJMM}(\text{M1}, \text{M2}, \text{J}, \text{THETA})$$

The arguments M1, . . . , THETA in the calling vector are to be supplied as floating point variables, so that either integer or half-integer values of the angular momentum quantum numbers may be easily handled.

9-j COEFFICIENTS AND RELATED QUANTITIES

The expression given by Brink and Satchler (ref. 1, p. 46) for evaluating the Wigner 9-j coefficient in terms of Racah coefficients may be written

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} l_1 s_1 j_1 \\ l_2 s_2 j_2 \\ L S J \end{matrix} \right\} = \sum_k (2k+1) W(l_1 l_2 JS; Lk) W(j_2 l_2 s_1 S; s_2 k) W(l_1 s_1 J j_2; j_1 k)$$

The summation is restricted by triangular inequalities such that the quantity

$$\Delta(l_1 J k) \Delta(l_2 S k) \Delta(j_2 s_1 k)$$

does not vanish. By specializing one or another of the arguments it is possible to derive simpler expressions for the 9-j coefficient, but in general this will not be attempted here.

The case where $s_1 = s_2 = 1/2$ occurs so frequently, however, that it is deserving of special attention. Only two values of S are possible here, namely $S = 0$ and $S = 1$. When $S = 0$ the 9-j coefficient may be obtained directly from the above series, since only one term survives; the result may be simplified using

$$W(abc0; ef) = \frac{\delta_{bf} \delta_{ce}}{\sqrt{(2e+1)(2f+1)}}$$

The general relation

$$\sum_S (2S+1) W(s_1 s_1 L J; S k) \left\{ \begin{matrix} l_1 s_1 j_1 \\ l_2 s_2 j_2 \\ L S J \end{matrix} \right\} = W(j_1 s_1 l_2 L; l_1 k) W(l_2 s_2 j_1 J; j_2 k)$$

may then be applied to obtain the 9-j coefficient with $S = 1$ in terms of the 9-j coefficient with $S = 0$. The final result may be put in the compact form

$$Q_{LSJ} \equiv \left\{ \begin{matrix} l_1 \frac{1}{2} j_1 \\ l_2 \frac{1}{2} j_2 \\ L S J \end{matrix} \right\} = \frac{A \delta_{LJ} - B \delta_{S1}}{C \delta_{S0} - D \delta_{S1}}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= W \left(l_1 \frac{1}{2} J j_2; j_1 l_2 \right) \\
B &= (4J + 2) W \left(l_2 \frac{1}{2} j_1 J; j_2 E \right) W \left(j_1 \frac{1}{2} l_2 L; l_1 E \right) \\
C &= \sqrt{2(2J + 1)} \\
D &= 3(4J + 2) W \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} L J; 1E \right) \\
E &= \frac{1}{2} (L + J + \delta_{LJ})
\end{aligned}$$

The 9-j coefficients play an important part in evaluating the matrix elements of products of tensor operators. A case of special interest involves the spin-angle tensors \mathcal{T}_{LSJ}^M defined by

$$\mathcal{T}_{LSJ}^M = \sum_{M_L M_S} \langle L M_L, S M_S | J M \rangle Y_L^{M_L} \sigma_S^{M_S}$$

Here Y_L^M is a spherical harmonic and σ_S^M is a rank-S tensor in the spin-space of a particle with intrinsic spin. For spin-1/2 particles σ_0 is the unit operator and σ_1 is twice the spin operator, and the reduced matrix element turns out to be expressible as

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle l_1 \frac{1}{2} j_1 \| \mathcal{T}_{LSJ} \| l_2 \frac{1}{2} j_2 \rangle &\equiv \sum_{m_1 m_2} \frac{2J + 1}{2j_1 + 1} \langle j_2 m_2, J M | j_1 m_1 \rangle \langle l_1 \frac{1}{2} j_1 m_1 | \mathcal{T}_{LSJ}^M | l_2 \frac{1}{2} j_2 m_2 \rangle \\
&= \sqrt{2(2l_1 + 1)(2j_2 + 1)(2S + 1)(2J + 1)} \langle l_1 \| Y_L \| l_2 \rangle Q_{LSJ}
\end{aligned}$$

Here a further simplification is possible because of the appearance of the reduced matrix element of Y_L , which is known to vanish unless $l_1 + l_2 + L$ is even. After some algebra the result may be written

$$\langle l_1 \frac{1}{2} j_1 \| \mathcal{T}_{LSJ} \| l_2 \frac{1}{2} j_2 \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2J + 1}{4\pi}} (-1)^J \langle j_1 \frac{1}{2}, J 0 | j_2 \frac{1}{2} \rangle G_{LSJ}$$

where

$$G_{L0L} = 1 \quad G_{L1L} = \frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}{\sqrt{J(J+1)}}$$

$$G_{L1L\pm 1} = \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \mp A}{\sqrt{A(2J+1)}}$$

with $A = (L + J + 1)/2$ and $\lambda = (l - j)(2j + 1)$.

The FORTRAN IV subroutine NINEJ which evaluates the 9-j coefficient in the general case is presented in appendix D. The coding has been arranged so as to closely resemble the actual equations. The subroutine is written as a function subprogram, so that a typical call might be

$$\text{SUM} = \text{SUM} + \text{ALPHA} * \text{NINEJ}(\text{L1}, \text{S1}, \text{J1}, \text{L2}, \text{S2}, \text{J2}, \text{L}, \text{S}, \text{J})$$

The arguments L1, . . . , J in the calling vector are to be supplied as floating point variables, so that either integer or half-integer values may be easily handled.

An entry has been provided for obtaining the 9-j coefficient in the special case where $s_1 = s_2 = 1/2$. A typical call for this function might be

$$\text{SUM} = \text{SUM} + \text{ALPHA} * \text{QLSJ}(\text{L1}, \text{J1}, \text{L2}, \text{J2}, \text{L}, \text{S}, \text{J})$$

An entry has also been provided for obtaining the reduced matrix elements of the spin-angle tensor \mathcal{T}_{LSJ}^M . A typical call for this function might be

$$\text{SUM} = \text{SUM} + \text{ALPHA} * \text{TLSJ}(\text{L1}, \text{J1}, \text{L2}, \text{J2}, \text{L}, \text{S}, \text{J})$$

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Techniques for computing the Clebsch-Gordan coefficient, the Racah coefficient, the reduced rotation matrix element, and the 9-j coefficient have been presented. The difficulties associated with large factorials in the numerators and denominators of terms in the series were avoided by introducing the logarithms and by arranging matters so that the first term in the series had the value unity. Various related quantities were also defined and methods given for their computation.

FORTTRAN IV subroutines based on these techniques are presented in the appendices. The coding has been designed to resemble the equations in the text, and although this leads to a slight loss in efficiency, it makes it easy for the user to make changes to suit his particular application.

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APPENDIX A

SUBROUTINE FOR EVALUATING CLEBSCH-GORDON COEFFICIENT

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100      FUNCTION CG(J1,M1,J2,M2,J,M)
200      LOGICAL FIRST/.TRUE./,ODD
300      REAL J1,M1,J2,M2,J,M
400      DOUBLE PRECISION SUM
500      COMMON /CGCOM/X(200)
600      DATA ZERO/5.0E-6/
700      ODD(N)=MOD(N,2).EQ.1
800
900      C THIS SUBROUTINE CALCULATES THE CLEBSCH-GORDON COEFFICIENT <J1,M1,J2,M2/J,M>
1000
1100      MODE=1
1200      P=M
1300      GO TO 1
1400      ENTRY THREEJ(J1,J2,J,M1,M2,M)
1500      MODE=2
1600      P=-M
1700      1 IF (FIRST) GO TO 6
1800
1900      C BEGIN CALCULATION
2000
2100      2 CG=0.0
2200      N=0.1+ABS(M1+M2-P)
2300      IF (N.NE.0) RETURN
2400
2500      N1=1.1+(J1+J2-J)
2600      N2=1.1+(J2+J-J1)
2700      N3=1.1+(J+J1-J2)
2800      N4=1.1+(J1-M1)
2900      N5=1.1+(J2+M2)
3000      N6=1.1+(J1+M1)
3100      N7=1.1+(J2-M2)
3200      N8=1.1+(J+M)
3300      N9=1.1+(J-M)
3400      IF (MINO(N1,N2,N3,N4,N5,N6,N7,N8,N9).LT.1) RETURN
3500
3600      FACTOR=1.0
3700      IF (MODE.EQ.2.AND.ODD(N1-N8)) FACTOR=-FACTOR
3800
3900      C TEST FOR SPECIAL VALUES
4000
4100      IF (J1.LE.ZERO.OR.J2.LE.ZERO) GO TO 5
4200      IF (N1.EQ.1.AND.(N8.EQ.1.OR.N9.EQ.1)) GO TO 5
4300
4400      C CONTINUE CALCULATION
4500
4600      IF (MODE.EQ.1) FACTOR=SQRT(2.0*J+1.0)*FACTOR
4700      N=N1+N2+N3-1
4800      P=X(N1)+X(N2)+X(N3)+X(N4)+X(N5)+X(N6)+X(N7)+X(N8)+X(N9)-X(N)
4900      K1=N1
5000      K2=N4
5100      K3=N5
5200      K4=N4-N3
5300      K5=N5-N2
5400      NMAX=MINO(K1,K2,K3)-1
5500      NM[N=MAXO(K4,K5,0)
5600      NP1=NM[N+1
5700      IF (ODD(NMIN)) FACTOR=-FACTOR

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5800      TERM=FACTOR
5900      SUM=TERM
6000      IF (NMIN.EQ.NMAX) GO TO 4
6100
6200      DO 3 N=NP1,NMAX
6300      ONE=(N-K1)*(N-K2)*(N-K3)
6400      TWO=(N-K4)*(N-K5)*N
6500      TERM=TERM*ONE/TWO
6600      3 SUM=SUM+TERM
6700
6800      4 N1=K1-NMIN
6900      N2=K2-NMIN
7000      N3=K3-NMIN
7100      N4=NP1-K4
7200      N5=NP1-K5
7300      Q=X(N1)+X(N2)+X(N3)+X(N4)+X(N5)+X(NP1)
7400
7500      CG=EXP(0.5*P-Q)*SUM
7600      IF (ABS(CG).LE.ZERO) CG=0.0
7700      RETURN
7800
7900      C SPECIAL CASES
8000
8100      5 IF (MODE.EQ.2) FACTOR=FACTOR/SQRT(2.0*J+1.0)
8200      CG=FACTOR
8300      RETURN
8400
8500      C ARRAY X(N)=LOG(GAMMA(N))
8600
8700      6 FIRST=.FALSE.
8800      DO 7 N=1,200
8900      Q=N
9000      7 X(N)=ALGAMA(Q)
9100      GO TO 2
9200      END

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APPENDIX B

SUBROUTINE FOR EVALUATING RACAH COEFFICIENT

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100      FUNCTION RACAH(A,B,C,D,E,F)
200      LOGICAL FIRST/.TRUE./,ODD
300      DOUBLE PRECISION SUM
400      COMMON /CGCOM/X(200)
500      DATA ZERO/5.0E-6/
600      ODD(N)=MOD(N,2).EQ.1
700
800      C THIS SUBROUTINE CALCULATES THE RACAH COEFFICIENT W(A,B,C,D;E,F)
900
1000     MODE=1
1100     GO TO 1
1200     ENTRY UCDEF(A,B,C,D,E,F)
1300     MODE=2
1400     GO TO 1
1500     ENTRY SIXJ(A,B,F,D,C,F)
1600     MODE=3
1700     1 IF (FIRST) GO TO 6
1800
1900     C BEGIN CALCULATION
2000
2100     2 RACAH=0.0
2200     J1=1.1+(A+B-E)
2300     K1=1.1+(B+E-A)
2400     L1=1.1+(E+A-B)
2500     IF (MINO(J1,K1,L1).LT.1) RETURN
2600
2700     J2=1.1+(A+C-F)
2800     K2=1.1+(C+F-A)
2900     L2=1.1+(F+A-C)
3000     IF (MINO(J2,K2,L2).LT.1) RETURN
3100
3200     J3=1.1+(B+D-F)
3300     K3=1.1+(D+F-B)
3400     L3=1.1+(F+B-D)
3500     IF (MINO(J3,K3,L3).LT.1) RETURN
3600
3700     J4=1.1+(C+D-E)
3800     K4=1.1+(D+E-C)
3900     L4=1.1+(E+C-D)
4000     IF (MINO(J4,K4,L4).LT.1) RETURN
4100
4200     FACTOR=1.0
4300     M4=J4+K4+L4-1
4400     J7=J1+M4-1
4500     IF (MODE.EQ.3.AND.ODD(J7)) FACTOR=-FACTOR
4600
4700     C TEST FOR SPECIAL VALUES
4800
4900     IF (A.GT.ZERO.AND.B.GT.ZERO.AND.C.GT.ZERO.AND.D.GT.ZERO) GO TO 3
5000     IF (MODE.NE.2) FACTOR=0.5*FACTOR/SQRT((E+0.5)*(F+0.5))
5100     RACAH=FACTOR
5200     RETURN
5300
5400     C CONTINUE CALCULATION
5500
5600     3 P=X(J1)+X(J2)+X(J3)+X(J4)+X(K1)+X(K2)+X(K3)+X(K4)+X(L1)+X(L2)+X(L3)+X(L4)
5700     M1=J1+K1+L1-1
5800     M2=J2+K2+L2-1

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5900      M3=J3+K3+L3-1
6000      P=P-X(M1)-X(M2)-X(M3)-X(M4)
6100
6200      J5=J1-L2
6300      J6=J1-L3
6400      NMAX=MIN0(J1,J2,J3,J4)-1
6500      NMIN=MAX0(J5,J6,0)
6600      NP1=NMIN+1
6700      IF (MOD(NMIN)) FACTOR=-FACTOR
6800      TERM=FACTOR
6900      SUM=TERM
7000      IF (NMIN.EQ.NMAX) GO TO 5
7100
7200      DO 4 N=NP1,NMAX
7300      ONE=(N-J1)*(N-J2)*(N-J3)*(N-J4)
7400      TWO=(N-J5)*(N-J6)*(N-J7)*N
7500      TERM=TERM*ONE/TWO
7600  4 SUM=SUM+TERM
7700
7800  5 J1=J1-NMIN
7900      J2=J2-NMIN
8000      J3=J3-NMIN
8100      J4=J4-NMIN
8200      J5=NP1-J5
8300      J6=NP1-J6
8400      J7=J7-NMIN
8500      Q=X(J1)+X(J2)+X(J3)+X(J4)+X(J5)+X(J6)+X(NP1)-X(J7)
8600
8700      RACAH=EXP(0.5*P-Q)*SUM
8800      IF (ABS(RACAH).LE.ZERO) RACAH=0.0
8900      RETURN
9000
9100  C ARRAY X(N)=LOG(GAMMA(N))
9200
9300  6 FIRST=.FALSE.
9400      DO 7 N=1,200
9500      Q=N
9600  7 X(N)=ALGAMA(Q)
9700      GO TO 2
9800      END

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APPENDIX C

SUBROUTINE FOR EVALUATING REDUCED ROTATION MATRIX ELEMENT

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100      FUNCTION DJMM(J,M1,M2,THETA)
200      LOGICAL FIRST/.TRUE./,ODD
300      REAL J,M1,M2
400      DOUBLE PRECISION SUM
500      COMMON /CGCOM/X(200)
600      DATA ZERO/5.0E-6/
700      DATA HALFPI,PI,TWOPI,FOURPI/1.5707963,3.1415926,6.2831853,12.566371/
800      ODD(N)=MOD(N,2).EQ.1
900
1000     C THIS SUBROUTINE CALCULATES THE REDUCED ROTATION MATRIX <J,M1/R(THETA)/J,M2>
1100
1200     IF (FIRST) GO TO 10
1300
1400     C BEGIN CALCULATION
1500
1600     1 DJMM=0.0
1700     N1=1.1+(J+M1)
1800     N2=1.1+(J-M2)
1900     N3=1.1+(J-M1)
2000     N4=1.1+(J+M2)
2100     IF (MIN0(N1,N2,N3,N4).LT.1) RETURN
2200
2300     P=X(N1)+X(N2)+X(N3)+X(N4)
2400     FACTOR=1.0
2500
2600     C CHECK FOR STANDARD ANGLE
2700
2800     ANGLE=THETA
2900     IF (ANGLE.LT.-ZERO) GO TO 7
3000     IF (ANGLE.GT.PI) GO TO 8
3100
3200     2 IF (ANGLE.LT.HALFPI) GO TO 3
3300     ANGLE=PI-ANGLE
3400     IF (ODD(N3)) FACTOR=-FACTOR
3500     N4=N2
3600
3700     3 N=N1+N3-2
3800     N3=N1-N4
3900
4000     C TEST FOR SPECIAL VALUES
4100
4200     IF (ANGLE.GT.ZERO) GO TO 4
4300     DJMM=0.0
4400     IF (N3.EQ.0) DJMM=FACTOR
4500     RETURN
4600
4700     C CONTINUE CALCULATION
4800
4900     4 NMAX=MIN0(N1,N2)-1
5000     NMIN=MAX0(N3,0)
5100     NP1=NMIN+1
5200     IF (ODD(NMIN)) FACTOR=-FACTOR
5300
5400     ANGLE=ANGLE/2.0
5500     IF (N.GT.0) FACTOR=FACTOR*(COS(ANGLE))**N
5600     T=TAN(ANGLE)
5700     N=2*NMIN-N3

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5800      IF (N.GT.0) FACTOR=FACTOR*T**N
5900
6000      TERM=FACTOR
6100      SUM=TERM
6200      IF (NMIN.EQ.NMAX) GO TO 6
6300      T=-T**2
6400
6500      DO 5 N=NP1,NMAX
6600      ONE=(N-N1)*(N-N2)
6700      TWO=(N-N3)*N
6800      TERM=TERM*T*ONE*TWO
6900 5     SUM=SUM+TERM
7000
7100 6     N1=N1-NMIN
7200      N2=N2-NMIN
7300      N3=NP1-N3
7400      Q=X(N1)+X(N2)+X(N3)+X(NP1)
7500
7600      DJMM=EXP(0.5*P-Q)*SUM
7700      IF (ABS(DJMM).IE.ZERO) DJMM=0.0
7800      RETURN
7900
8000  C PEDUCE ANGLE
8100
8200      7 ANGLE=-ANGLE
8300      IF (ODD(N1-N4)) FACTOR=-FACTOR
8400      8 ANGLE=AMOD(ANGLE,FOURPI)
8500      IF (ANGLE.LT.TWOPI) GO TO 9
8600      ANGLE=ANGLE-TWOPI
8700      IF (ODD(N1+N3)) FACTOR=-FACTOR
8800
8900      9 IF (ANGLE.LT.PI) GO TO 2
9000      ANGLE=TWOPI-ANGLE
9100      IF (ODD(N1+N2)) FACTOR=-FACTOR
9200      GO TO 2
9300
9400  C ARRAY X(N)=LOG(GAMMA(N))
9500
9600      10 FIRST=.FALSE.
9700      DO 11 N=1,200
9800      Q=N
9900      11 X(N)=ALGAMA(Q)
10000     GO TO 1
10100     END

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APPENDIX D

SUBROUTINE FOR EVALUATING NINEJ COEFFICIENT

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100      FUNCTION NINEJ(L1,S1,J1,L2,S2,J2,L,S,J)
200      LOGICAL ODD
300      REAL L1,S1,J1,L2,S2,J2,L,S,J
400      DOUBLE PRECISION SUM
500      DATA ZERO,SQT4PI/5.0E-6,3.5449077/
600      ODD(N)=MOD(N,2).EQ.1
700
800      C THIS SUBROUTINE CALCULATES THE 9-J COEFFICIENT (L1,S1,J1,L2,S2,J2,L,S,J)
900      C IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL SELECTION RULES HAVE BEEN CHECKED PRIOR TO CALL
1000
1100      P=AMIN1(L1+J,L2+S,J2+S1)
1200      Q=AMAX1(ABS(L1-J),ABS(L2-S),ABS(J2-S1))
1300      M=2.01*P
1400      N=2.01*Q
1500      M=M-N
1600      IF (ODD(M).OR.M.LT.0) RETURN
1700
1800      P=Q
1900      Q=2.0*P+1.0
2000      N=M/2+1
2100      SUM=0.0
2200      DO 1 M=1,N
2300      SUM=SUM+Q*RACAH(L1,L2,J,S,L,P)-
2400      1      *RACAH(J2,L2,S1,S,S2,P)-
2500      1      *RACAH(L1,S1,J,J2,J1,P)
2600      P=P+1.0
2700      1 Q=Q+2.0
2800      NINEJ=SUM
2900      RETURN
3000
3100      C THE FOLLOWING ENTRY IS FOR THE SPECIAL CASE S1=S2=1/2
3200      C IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL SELECTION RULES HAVE BEEN CHECKED PRIOR TO CALL
3300
3400      ENTRY QLSJ(QL,QJ1,QL2,QJ2,QL,QS,QJ)
3500
3600      M=ABS(QL-QJ)+0.1
3700      N=QS+0.1
3800      A=0.0
3900      B=0.0
4000      C=0.0
4100      D=0.0
4200      E=(QL+QJ)/2.0
4300
4400      IF (M.NE.0) GO TO 2
4500      A=RACAH(QL1,0.5,QJ,QJ2,QJ1,QL2)
4600      IF (N.EQ.1) GO TO 2
4700      C=SQRT(4.0*QJ+2.0)
4800      GO TO 3
4900
5000      2 D=4.0*QJ+2.0
5100      E=E+0.5
5200      B=D*RACAH(QL2,0.5,QJ1,QJ,QJ2,E)*RACAH(QJ1,0.5,QL2,QL,QL1,E)
5300      D=3.0*D*RACAH(0.5,0.5,QL,QJ,1.0,E)
5400      3 NINEJ=(A-B)/(C-D)
5500      RETURN

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5600
5700 C THE FOLLOWING ENTRY IS FOR COMPUTATION OF
5800 C THE REDUCED MATRIX ELEMENTS <L1,1/2,J1//TLSJ//L2,1/2,J2>
5900 C IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL SELECTION RULES HAVE BEEN CHECKED PRIOR TO CALL
6000
6100     ENTRY TLSJ(TL1,TJ1,TL2,TJ2,TL,TS,TJ)
6200
6300     NINEJ=CG(TJ1,0.5,TJ,0.0,TJ2,0.5)/SQRT4PI
6400     N=TJ+0.1
6500     IF (ODD(N)) NINEJ=-NINEJ
6600     N=TS*(TJ-TL+2.1)
6700     IF (N.GT.0) GO TO 4
6800
6900 C S=0
7000
7100     NINEJ=NINEJ*SQRT(2.0*TJ+1.0)
7200     RETURN
7300
7400 C S=1
7500
7600     4 A=(TL+TJ+1.0)/2.0
7700     B=(TL1-TJ1)*(2.0*TJ1+1.0)
7800     C=(TL2-TJ2)*(2.0*TJ2+1.0)
7900     GO TO (5,6,7),N
8000
8100     5 NINEJ=NINEJ*(B+C-A)/SQRT(A)
8200     RETURN
8300     6 NINEJ=NINEJ*(B-C)*SQRT(2.0*A/TJ/(TJ+1.0))
8400     RETURN
8500     7 NINEJ=NINEJ*(B+C+A)/SQRT(A)
8600     RETURN
8700     END

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